

SENATE BILL 3396

By Tate

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 8, Part 1, relative to rules of the road.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-101, is amended by deleting subdivision (39) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(39) "Pedestrian" means any person afoot or using a motorized or non-motorized wheelchair;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-133, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(c) Subject to any ordinance enacted pursuant to subsection (b), a person may operate a motorized wheelchair weighing one thousand pounds (1,000 lbs) or less on any highway with no more than four (4) lanes with not less than two (2) lanes proceeding in the same direction within the jurisdiction of the municipality. Such operator shall be subject to traffic control signals at intersections as provided in §55-8-110, and at all other places shall be accorded the privileges and subject to the restrictions stated in this chapter and chapter 10, parts 1-5 of this title.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.